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Wareham man is charged with two counts of manslaughter

WAREHAM, MA- Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz and Wareham Police Chief Richard Stanley today announced that a Wareham man has been charged in connection with two stabbing deaths that occurred overnight in Wareham. The case is under investigation by the State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and Wareham Detectives. Richard Walling (DOB: 5-18-90) of Wareham has been charged two counts of manslaughter.

At approximately 12:30 a.m. on January 8, 2011, Wareham Police responded to a call that a man had been stabbed at the White Pines Hotel in Wareham. Police responded to that location and found the victim, later identified as Leonard Bolia (DOB: 8-26-75) of Wareham, outside that location. Bolia appeared to be suffering from a stab wound to the chest. Bolia was taken to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead a short time later. An autopsy will be conducted by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

Investigators later found a second body in the woods nearby the hotel. The second victim also appeared to have suffered stab wounds. The second victim has been identified as Ryan P. Aponte (DOB: 10-27-86) of Wareham. An autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause and manner of death.

Walling will be arraigned Monday in the Wareham District Court. No further information is being released at this time.

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